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SUBJECT KHMER REPORT-JUNE 25, 1974

GENERAL

1. FANK STEPPED UP ITS INITIATIVES AND KEPT THE ENEMY OFF BALANCE DURING THE WEEK. THE MOST ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS WERE NORTH OF PHNOM PENH ALONG ROUTE 5 WHERE FANK RETOOK THE TOWN OF KOMPONG LUONG AND EVACUATED 10,000 CIVILIANS FROM THE LOVEK GARRISON. FRIENDLY FORCES ALSO MADE NOTABLE PROGRESS ALONG ROUTE 4 AS AN OPERATION MOUNTED FROM KOMPONG SPEU SUCCESSFULLY LINKED UP WITH TROOPS FROM THE ENCIRCLED GARRISON OF DAS KANCHOR. ON THE DEBIT SIDE, THE ENEMY CONTINUED TO FIRE A FEW ROCKETS INTO PHNOM PENH ON ALMOST A DAILY BASIS, AND FANK FORCES HAD TO RETREAT FROM A POSITION ALONG THE SOUTHERN MEKONG. POLITICALLY ,PHNOM PENH REMAINED RELATIVELY QUIET AS THE NEW GOVERNMENT FILLED SOME SUB-MINISTERIAL POSTS. GRUNK/FUNK CRITICIZED THE SECOND LONG BORET CABINET IN COMPLETELY PREDICTABLE TERMS AND CONTINUED ACTIVELY TO SEEK SUPPORT FROM AFRICAN NATIONS.

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2. ON JUNE 23, THE GKR ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF 14 UNDERSECRETARIES OF STATE. THE 14 ARE MAINLY TECHNICIANS CHARGED WITH SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES.

3. THE GKR HAS RELEASED ALL BUT SEVEN OF 102 PERSONS ARRESTED AFTER THE JUNE 4 MURDER OF TWO OFFICIALS HELD HOSTAGE BY STUDENTS. POLICE ALSO REPORT THAT NO STUDENTS

DIED IN THE FIRING WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE MURDER. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONTACTS GENERALLY ACCEPT THE POLICE REPORT BUT NOTE THAT UP TO A SCORE OF STUDENTS WERE PROBABLY WOUNDED. END COMMENT.

4. MOST PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE HOLDING CLASSES AS USUAL. MOST LYCEE TEACHERS EXCEPT FOR SOME WITH TERMINATING CLASSES HAVE STILL NOT RETURNED TO WORK.

GRUNK/FUNK

5. TO NO ONE'S SURPRISE, FUNK PROPAGANDA BRANDED THE NEW LONG BORET GOVERNMENT "INSIGNIFICANT", EVEN MORE INCAPABLE" THAN HIS PREVIOUS ONE, AND PREDICTED THAT IT WILL BE "ENGULFED" DURING THE CURRENT RAINY SEASON OFFENSIVE. THE ONSET OF THE RAINS OCCASIONED A SERIES OF WRAP-UPS OF DRY SEASON "TRIUMPHS" INCLUDING REAMS OF STATISTICS ON ALLEGED FRNK LOSSES AND THE RATHER CONSERVATIVE BOAST THAT THE "LIBERATED AREAS" HAVE BEEN FURTHER CONSOLIDATED AND ENLARGED. THE ENEMY RADIO BROADCASTS CONTINUED TO BE CAUTIOUS IN THEIR PREDICTIONS, PROCLAIMING IN ONE TYPICAL INSTANCE THE NECESSITY OF THE "ADVANCE" TOWARD THE "LIBERATION OF PHNOM PENH AND CAMBODIA".

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6. THE GRUNK DELEGATION HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER SARIN CHHAK (KHMER REPORT, 6/2/74) COMPLETED A 14 DAY VISIT TO SOMALIA (WHERE CHHAK WAS AN OBSERVER AT THE OAU SUMMIT CONFERENCE) ON JUNE 17, VISITED BRIEFLY IN TANZANIA, AND THEN MOVED ON TO ZAIRE WHERE PRESIDENT MOBUTU RECEIVED IT ON JUNE 22. COMMENT: GRUNK/FUNK, REALIZING THAT ALMOST HALF ITS SUPPORT COMES FROM AFRICA, HAS BEEN ASSIDUOUSLY WOONG FRIENDLY NATIONS THERE. END COMMENT.

7. IN A JUNE PRESS COMMUNIQUE IN PEKING, SIHANOUK AGAIN DENIED THAT GRUNK IS AN EXILE GOVERNMENT AND SAID THAT KHIEU SAMPHAN HAD COME OUT OF CAMBODIA TO PROVE THIS TO THE WORLD. HE DEFENDED THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRESENCE IN PEKING AS NECESSITATED BY THE NATURE OF HIS WORK, SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER PENN NOUTH IS TOO ILL TO MAKE THE LONG TRIP BACK TO CAMBODIA "BY THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL" AND CITED HIS MOTHER'S ILLNESS TO EXPLAIN HIS OWN CONTINUED RESIDENCE IN CHINA.

8. THE PATHET LAO, HOSTING AN AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY DELEGATION IN SAM NEUA, TOLD THEIR GUESTS THAT KHIEU SAMPHAN NAD SPENT THE WEEK OF JUNE 2-8 THERE ON A "FRIENDSHIP VISIT" ON HIS WAY BACK TO CAMBODIA . (THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION OF THIS IN THE OTHER SIDE'S PROPAGANDA).  
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9. IN WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN A PAINFUL GESTURE TOWARD REVOLUTIONARY SOLIDARITY, PENN NOUTH AND OTHER GRUNK LUMINARIES IN PEKING WERE REPORTED BY NCNA TO HAVE SPENT FOUR DAYS ON A COMMUNE HELPING WITH THE HARVESTING. SIHANOUK, WHO WAS WONT TO INFLICT SIMILAR INDIGNITIES ON FOREIGN DIPLOMATS WHILE IN POWER, WAS NOT PRESENT.

ECONOMIC

10. ON JUNE 21, AMBASSADOR PRESENTED THE GKR WITH A NOTE STATING THAT THE US WOULD DEPOSIT \$5,129,710 IN THE EXCHANGE SUPPORT FUND ACCOUNT. THIS CONTRIBUTION BRINGS THE US CONTRIBUTION DURING CY 1974 TO \$8,750,000 AND COMPLETES OUR TOTAL ESF \$18.3 MILLION CONTRIBUTION FOR FY 1974.

11. REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATIONS FROM LOVEK TO KOMPONG CHHNANG HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND AN ESTIMATED 10,000 REFUGEES ARE NOW IN KOMPONG CHHNANG. THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, PRINCIPALLY CARE, HAVE BEGUN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND APPROXIMATELY 1000 FAMILIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN LOCATED IN TEMPORARY HOUSING.

12. ON JUNE 20, GOVERNMENT RICE STOCKS IN PHNOM PENH AND KOMPONG SOM WERE 60,750 MT OR AN 89 DAY SUPPLY AT THE CURRENT CONSUMPTION RATE OF 680 MT/DAY.

13. THE FIRST VESSEL CHARTERED FOR TRANSPORTING ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES FROM KOMPONG SOM TO PHNOM PENH ARRIVED ON JUNE 22 WITH A CARGO OF RICE, SALT AND OTHER SUPPLIES. VESSELS FOR THE KOMPONG CHHNANG/PHNOM PENH RUN ALONG THE TONLE SAP ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON JUNE 28 TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER SHIPMENT FROM KOMPONG SOM.

14. PRICE CHANGES IN PHNOM PENH WERE MIXED DURING THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 24. DOMESTIC RICE DECREASED ONE PERCENT, FRESH WATER FISH AND OCEAN FISH INCREASED BY ABOUT THREE PERCENT WHILE DRIED FISH REMAINED UNCHANGED. PORK AND DUCK REMAINED UNCHANGED, BEEF WAS DOWN THREE PERCENT AND CHICKEN UP FOUR PERCENT. FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES ALSO WERE MIXED, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF SEASONAL FACTORS. THE BLACK MARKET RATE FOR THE DOLLAR INCREASED FROM 830 TO  
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900 RIELS PER DOLLAR AS THE PREMIUM OVER THE OFFICIAL RATE OF 420 RIELS PER DOLLAR EXCEED 100 PERCENT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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15. IN THE OUDONG REGION NORTH OF PHNOM PENH FANK EXPLOITED ITS JUNE 17 VICTORY (SEE LAST WEEK'S KHMER REPORT) TO MOVE NORTH AND REOCCUPY KOMPONG LUONG, WHICH HAD BEEN ABANDONED TO THE ENEMY APRIL 21. A SHORT DISTANCE NORTH THE KHMER NAVY COMPLETED THE ORDERLY EVACUATION OF 10,000 REFUGEES, THEIR LIVESTOCK AND OTHER GOODS FROM THE BRIDGEHEAD NEAR LOVEK ON JUNE 24. ABOUT 5,000 CIVILIANS, DEPENDENTS OF THE LOVEK GARRISON, ELECTED TO STAY.

16. FANK TROOPS PUSHING DOWN ROUTE 4 FROM KOMPONG SPEU LINKED UP WITH ELEMENTS FROM THE DAS KANCHOR ENCLAVE JUNE 25.

THIS 15-DAY ADVANCE COVERED A DISTANCE OF 25 KILOMETERS ALONG ROUTE 4. FURTHER SOUTH ON ROUTE 4, ISOLATED KOMPONG SEILA CONTINUED TO TAKE HEAVY ENEMY PRESSURE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. THE RELIEF OF DAS KANCHOR HAS CUT A MAJOR ENEMY SUPPLY ROUTE.

17. COMPARATIVELY FRESH REPLACEMENTS ARRIVED IN KOMPONG SOM FROM KAMPOT AND, SUPPORTED BY LOCAL FANK UNITS, REOPENED ROUTE 4 BETWEEN KOMPONG SOM AND ITS AIRPORT AT REAM. THEY ALSO CLEARED THE WAY TO THE UNUSED OIL REFINERY NORTH OF KOMPONG SOM. THE ENEMY, HOWEVER, STILL HOLDS TUK SAP WHICH IS ABOUT 4 KM EAST OF REAM AIRBASE.  
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18. NORMAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN BATTAMBANG AND PURSAT RESUMED JUNE 19 AS FANK PUSHED ENEMY FORCES AWAY FROM ROUTE 5.

19. ALONG THE MEKONG JUST NORTH OF THE VIETNAMESE BORDER THE ENEMY FORCED MNK NAVAL INFANTRY TO RETREAT FROM AN IMPORTANT POSITION AT PHU MY. MNK FORCES REINFORCED BY A BATTALION FROM THE 28TH BRIGADE ARE MOVING TO RETAKE THE POSITION, WHICH COMMANDS A VULNERABLE POINT WHERE THE MEKONG NARROWS AND THEREBY THREATENS CONVOYS TO PHNOM PENH.

20. A MEKONG CONVOY ARRIVED IN PHNOM PENH JUNE 22 WITH NEGLIGIBLE DAMAGE TO CARGO DESPITE HAVING BEEN HIT BY 107 MM ROCKET, 75 MM RECOILESS RIFLE, B-40 AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE.

21. PHNOM PENH TOOK SIXTEEN 107 MM ROCKETS DURING THE WEEK. THE ROCKETS, ALL FIRED FROM THE PENINSULA BETWEEN THE BASSAC AND MEKONG, KILLED 10 AND WOUNDED 27.  
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